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Introduction

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National Organizations

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San Francisco, CA 94120-7424
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(415) 561-8575 fax
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http://www.aao.org/

Serves as a national membership association of ophthalmologists. Supports public service programs: EyeCare America-National Eye Care Project® to provide medical eye care to senior citizens, International Public Service Programs to enhance eye care services in economically developing countries, and School Eye Safety Program. Produces publications for ophthalmologists and their patients.

American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 659-9315
acc@roudley.com
http://www.actionfund.org/

Produces and distributes Twin Vision (print-braille) books free of charge throughout the United States; a free braille news magazine, *Hot Line to Deaf-Blind*, for individuals who are deaf-blind; and free braille calendars. Lends print-braille and braille books through the Kenneth Jernigan Library for Blind Children.

American Council of the Blind
1155 15th Street NW, Suite 1004
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 467-5081

800-424-8666
(202) 467-5085 fax
info@acb.org
http://www.acb.org/

Principal publication: *Braille Forum*, monthly

Serves as an informational clearinghouse on blindness and provides advisory service on federal legislation. Acts as an advocate for civil rights, educational opportunities, vocational training, social security benefits, and health and social services for persons who are blind or visually impaired. Special-interest affiliated organizations include: Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss, American Blind Lawyers Association, Braille Revival League, Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, Council of Families with Visual Impairment, Friends-in-Art, Guide Dog Users, Library Users of America, National Alliance of Blind Students, National Association of Blind Teachers, and Visually Impaired Data Processors International.

American Foundation for the Blind
11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300
New York, NY 10001
(212) 502-7600
800-232-5463
(212) 502-7777 fax
(212) 502-7662 TTY
afbinfo@afb.net
http://www.afb.org/

Principal publications:
AccessWorld, 6/year
Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness, monthly

Develops and provides programs and services for persons who are blind

or visually impaired in the areas of public education, social and technological research, consultation and referrals, and governmental relations. Sells publications in print, on cassette, and in braille and videos. AFB's National Technology Center is a centralized resource on adaptive technology. The AFB legislative information network presents details on legislation and regulations of concern to blind and visually impaired persons. The Careers and Technology Information Bank is a national data and networking resource on the competitive employment of persons who are blind or visually impaired.

American Optometric Association
243 North Lindbergh Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 991-4100
(314) 991-4101 fax
HOZinn@theaoa.org
http://www.aoanet.org/

Represents doctors of optometry, students of optometry, and paraoptometric assistants and technicians who are dedicated to improving the quality and availability of eye care in the United States. Sponsors Volunteers in Service in Our Nation (VISION) USA one month per year to provide vision care services, without charge, to individuals who have no other means of obtaining care. Offers consumer information.

American Printing House for the Blind
1839 Frankfort Avenue
P.O. Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206-0085
(502) 895-2405
800-223-1839
(502) 899-2274 fax
info@aph.org

http://www.aph.org/

Principal publications: *APH Slate*, quarterly
APH Technology Update, quarterly

Designated and funded by an 1879 act of Congress as the official source of educational texts (primary through secondary level) for students who are visually impaired in the United States and its possessions. Maintains *Louis*, an electronic database that lists textbooks in braille, large print, and computer file format and on cassette that are produced by APH, by volunteers, and by commercial companies. Engages in research and development to create products for students and adults who are blind. Manufactures and sells assistive devices. Also produces recreational and religious literature in special format.

Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
4600 Duke Street, #430
P.O. Box 22397
Alexandria, VA 22304
(703) 823-9690
(703) 823-9695 fax
aer@aerbvi.org
http://www.aerbvi.org/

Principal publications: *AER Report*, bimonthly
Job Exchange, monthly
RE:view, quarterly

Renders support to the professionals who work in all phases of education and rehabilitation of children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. Offers members opportunities for professional development through publications and certification programs and by networking at meetings and conferences, timely news and research

information, and career advancement through job exchange services.

Better Vision Institute
1655 North Fort Myer Drive, Suite 200
Arlington, VA 22209
(703) 243-1508
877-642-3253
(703) 243-1537 fax
vca@visionsite.org
http://www.visionsite.org/

Serves as the Vision Council of America's channel for public education about quality eye care and eyewear.

Blind Children's Center
4120 Marathon Street
Los Angeles, CA 90029-3584
(323) 664-2153
800-222-3567 in California
800-222-3566 in United States
(323) 665-3828 fax
cathy@blindcntr.org
http://www.blindcntr.org/

Serves children with visual impairment from birth to school age by providing information about adaptive devices, educational materials, toys, and other resources. Makes referrals to early intervention programs, social service agencies, advocacy groups, and self-help organizations. Produces publications for sale, some in Spanish.

Blind Children's Fund
4740 Okemos Road
Okemos, MI 48864-1637
(517) 347-1357

(517) 347-1459 fax
blindchfnd@aol.com
http://www.blindchildrensfund.org/

Principal publication: *VIP Newsletter*, quarterly

Promotes the development of materials and methods pertaining to the growth, development, and education of infants and young children who are blind or visually impaired or have multiple disabilities. Sells books and learning tools.

Blinded American Veterans Foundation
P.O. Box 65900
Washington, DC 20035-5900
(202) 462-4430
800-284-2283
email@bavf.org
http://www.bavf.org/

Principal publication: *Raising Cane*, quarterly

Offers employment networking and rehabilitation counseling for veterans who are blind. Supports medical research on sensory disabilities.

Blinded Veterans Association
477 H Street NW
Washington, DC 20001-2694
(202) 371-8880
bva@bva.org
http://www.bva.org/

Principal publication: *BVA Bulletin*, bimonthly

A membership organization for veterans who became blind or visually impaired during or after their military service. Counsels veterans and assists them in obtaining benefits and rehabilitation training and in finding jobs. Offers scholarships to their spouses and dependents.

Hadley School for the Blind
700 Elm Street
Winnetka, IL 60093-0299
800-323-4238
(847) 446-0855 fax
Info@Hadley-School.org
http://www.hadley-school.org/

Offers distance education courses at no charge to adults who are blind, to family members of an adult who is blind, and to a parent or grandparent of a child who is blind.

International Association of Audio Information Services
c/o Ben Martin, President
WVTF Public Radio
4235 Electric Road, Suite 105
Roanoke, VA 24014
(785) 864-4625
800-280-5325
lrmiller@ukans.edu and revtrask@netscape.net
http://iaais.org/

Principal publications: *IAAIS Directory*, annual
IAAIS Newsletter, quarterly

Represents radio and information services, dial-in newspapers, and Internet broadcasters that deliver audio broadcasts of daily newspapers and other printed materials to individuals with a visual or physical disability.

International Association of Lions Clubs
Lions Clubs International
300 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842
(630) 571-5466
(630) 571-8890 fax
Lions@lionsclubs.org
http://www.lionsclubs.org/

Principal publication: *The Lion*, monthly

Initiates service projects in such areas as sight conservation and diabetes education through more than 44,500 clubs in 185 countries. Provides free professional glaucoma screenings, free eye care, eyeglasses, braille writers, large-print texts, white canes, and guide dogs. Establishes and supports eye banks, eye clinics, and eye research centers worldwide.

Library of Congress
National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Washington, DC 20542
(202) 707-5100
(202) 707-0712 fax
(202) 707-0744 TTY
nls@loc.gov
http://www.loc.gov/nls

Principal publications:

Address List: Regional and Subregional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 2/year

Facts: Books for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals, annual

Facts: Music for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals, annual

News, quarterly

Administers a free national library program of braille and recorded books and magazines for persons who are visually impaired and physically disabled. Distributes reading materials and playback machines through cooperating regional and subregional (local) libraries to eligible borrowers. Lends music materials directly from the Music Section of NLS, including scores in braille and large print; magazines and books about music and musicians in braille, large print, and recorded format; and instruction for voice and for instruments.

Lighthouse International
National Center for Vision and Aging
111 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022
(212) 821-9200
800-334-5497 and 800-829-0500
(212) 821-9705 fax
(212) 821-9713 TTY
info@lighthouse.org
http://www.lighthouse.org/

Principal publications:
Aging and Vision News, 2/year (for professionals)
Sharing Solutions, 2/year (for support networks)

Serves as a clearinghouse for information on vision and aging. Disseminates videos, brochures, and books about and conducts research on age-related vision loss. Provides referrals to low vision services rehabilitation agencies, support groups, and state agencies. Offers a continuing education program to professionals.

Lighthouse International
National Center for Vision and Child Development
111 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022
(212) 821-9200
800-334-5497 and 800-829-0500
(212) 821-9705 fax
(212) 821-9713 TTY
info@lighthouse.org
http://www.lighthouse.org/educ_children.htm

Principal publication: *EnVision*, 2/year

Provides for the needs of children who are visually impaired through parent and professional training and research. Works with schools, day care centers, and health and human services organizations to facilitate early identification of visual problems in children and to design strategies that enhance development. Conducts empirical studies in the fields of child development, family systems, and education as they relate to vision loss.

Mississippi State University
Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision
P.O. Box 6189
Mississippi State, MS 39762
(662) 325-2694
800-675-7782
(662) 325-8989 fax
(662) 325-8693 TTY
bjmax@ra.msstate.edu
http://www.blind.msstate.edu/irr

Maintains the Information and Resource Referral Project as the

outreach arm of the Center to provide an accessible database of resources on blindness and low vision to consumers and professionals. Sells research publications.

National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Impaired
260 Northland Boulevard, Suite 233
Cincinnati, OH 45246
(513) 772-8449
(513) 772-8854 fax
nacweb260@aol.com
http://www.nac-bvi.com/

Develops standards and administers a voluntary system of accreditation for agencies and schools providing services to persons who are visually impaired and blind. Sells manuals on management, agency, and education standards.

National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments
P.O. Box 317
Watertown, MA 02471-0317
(617) 972-7441
800-562-6265
(617) 972-7444 fax
napvi@perkins.pvt.k12.ma.us
http://www.spedex.com/napvi/

Principle publication: *Awareness*, quarterly

Provides a national support and information network and a referral service for parents and families of children with visual impairment. Advocates for the educational needs and welfare of children who are blind or visually impaired and initiates outreach programs.

National Association for Visually Handicapped
http://www.navh.org/

22 West 21st Street, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10010
(212) 889-3141
(212) 727-2931 fax
staff@navh.org

3201 Balboa Street
San Francisco, CA 94121
(415) 221-3201
(415) 221 8754 fax
staffca@navh.org

Principal publication: *Update*, quarterly

Offers information, referral, and emotional support to individuals with low vision, their families, and the professionals who work with them. Maintains a large-print loan library. Sells assistive devices.

National Braille Association, Inc.
Three Townline Circle
Rochester, NY 14623-2513
(716) 427-8260
(716) 427-0263 fax
nbaoffice@compuserve.com
http://www.nationalbraille.org/

Principal publication: *NBA Bulletin*, quarterly

Provides educational forums to groups and individuals on braille transcribing and translation, audio tape recording techniques, tactile graphics, and other areas of production in media other than print.

Maintains a depository for braille masters and sells braille college textbooks, music texts, and career and technical materials at below cost to students and professionals who are blind. Has catalogs of the titles in these collections in braille and in print.

National Braille Press
88 St. Stephen Street
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 266-6160
800-548-7323
(617) 437-0456 fax
orders@nbp.org
http://www.nbp.org/

Promotes literacy for individuals who are blind and deaf-blind by printing and selling braille and print-braille books and transcribing printed materials. Produces up to fifty copies in the Desktop Publishing Division and provides full-scale braille pressing services for fifty copies or more. Offers a Children's Braille Book Club, titles on computer disk, and PortaBooks™ to be read with a portable braille device.

National Federation of the Blind
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 659-9314
(410) 685-5653 fax
nfb@nfb.org
http://www.nfb.org/
http://www.nfbnet.org/ Telnet, BBS, FTP service

Principal publications: *Braille Monitor*, monthly
Future Reflections, quarterly
Voice of the Diabetic, quarterly

Seeks the complete integration of persons who are blind into society on a basis of equality. Monitors state and federal laws and regulations affecting people with visual impairments. Informs members of services available to them and of their rights under the law. Maintains the International Braille and Technology Center for the Blind. Operates Newsline®, a talking newspaper service free to persons who are legally blind, and America's Jobline® in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Labor and state job service agencies. Sells publications and assistive devices through its Materials Center. Divisions include: Deaf-Blind, National Association of Blind Educators, National Association of Blind Lawyers, National Association of Blind Students, National Association to Promote the Use of Braille, National Diabetes Action Network, National Organization of Parents of Blind Children, National Organization of the Senior Blind, and Writers.

National Industries for the Blind
1901 North Beauregard Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22311-1727
(703) 998-0770
800-433-2304
(703) 998-8268 fax
info@nib.org
http://www.nib.org/

Principal publication: *Opportunity*, quarterly

Enhances the opportunities for economic and personal independence of persons who are blind, primarily through creating, sustaining, and improving employment. Develops business opportunities in the federal, state, and commercial marketplaces for not-for-profit agencies and organizations associated with NIB. Allocates federal government contracts under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act.

New Eyes for the Needy
549 Millburn Avenue
P.O. Box 332
Short Hills, NJ 07078-0332
(973) 376-4903
(973) 376-3807 fax

Provides new prescription eyeglasses for individuals in the United States for whom no other funds are available. Sends reusable eyeglasses to overseas medical missions and welfare agencies for distribution.

Prevent Blindness America
500 East Remington Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173-5611
(847) 843-2020
800-331-2020
(847) 843-8458 fax
info@preventblindness.org
http://www.preventblindness.org/

Principal publication: *Prevent Blindness News*, 3/year

Offers programs and services to help fight blindness and save sight, including adult and children's vision screenings; a toll-free information hotline; patient, public, and professional education; school-based programs; and Fight for Sight research grants. Sells publications, some in Spanish, and videos.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Inc.
20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 452-0606
800-221-4792

(609) 987-8116 fax
custserv@rfbd.org
http://www.rfbd.org/

Principal publication: *Recording for the Blind News*, 3/year

Lends recorded books, ranging in educational level from late elementary through graduate school, to persons with a verified visual, physical, or specific learning disability that substantially limits reading. Requires a one-time registration fee and annual membership fee. Also sells books on computer disk called E-text (electronic text).

Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute
Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center
2318 Fillmore Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
(415) 345-2000
(415) 345-8455 fax
(415) 561-1665 TTY
RERC@ski.org
http://www.ski.org/Rehab/index.html

Principal publication: *Smith-Kettlewell Technical File*, quarterly

Develops sensory aids and educational devices for persons who are blind, deaf-blind, and visually impaired. Acts as a national information resource on sensory aids technology. Conducts research and development in these areas and compiles the findings in publications available on its web site, including *Access to computerized music production by blind and vision-impaired musicians*, *Compendium of technology for blind and visually impaired persons*, and *Source material on remote infrared signage*.

Telephone Pioneers of America
930 15th Street, Suite 1200
Denver, CO 80202
(303) 571-1200
800-872-5995
(303) 572-0520 fax
http://www.telephone-pioneers.org/

Principal publication: *Telephone Pioneer*, quarterly

Maintains a directory of senior and retired telephone employees who repair and service record players and cassette machines of the talking-books program of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. May visit homes of new readers to demonstrate use of the equipment and may help library staffs inspect returned talking books for damage before the books are loaned to other readers.

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Indianapolis, IN 46220-5481
(317) 254-1332
800-431-1739
(317) 251-6588 fax
info@visionww.org
http://www.visionww.org/

Principal publication: *Vision Enhancement*, quarterly

Provides information, support, a referral helpline, and a free e-mail list to persons with low vision and their families. Maintains a web site with links that include sources for electronic books, assistive devices, associations and organizations, and eye diseases.

Organizations on Eye Diseases and Eye Injuries

American Diabetes Association
National Office
1701 North Beauregard Street
Alexandria, VA 22311
(703) 549-1500
800-342-2383 (800-DIABETES)
customerservice@diabetes.org
http://www.diabetes.org/

Seeks to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of people with diabetes. Conducts a comprehensive program of public, patient, and professional education. Publishes a variety of pamphlets and a monthly periodical, *Diabetes Forecast*, for persons with diabetes and their families. Also publishes research journals for physicians who specialize in diabetes and for general practitioners.

American Macular Degeneration Foundation
P.O. Box 515
Northampton, MA 01061-0515
(413) 268-7660
http://www.macular.org/

Principal publication: *In the Spotlight*, quarterly

Works for the prevention, treatment, and cure of macular degeneration by raising funds, educating the public, and supporting scientific research.

The Association for Macular Diseases, Inc.
210 East 64th Street, Eighth Floor
New York, NY 10021
(212) 605-3719

(212) 605-3795 fax
association@retinalresearch.org
www.macula.org/

Principal publication: *Eyes Only*, quarterly

Acts as a national support group for individuals and their families who are adjusting to the practical and emotional problems related to macular diseases.

Center for Keratoconus
6551 Vanalden Avenue, #8
Reseda, CA 91335
(818) 754-8600
info@kcenter.org
http://www.kcenter.org/

Dedicated to eliminating keratoconus as a health problem through research, education, patient service, and advocacy.

The Foundation Fighting Blindness
11435 Cronhill Drive
Owings Mills, MD 21117-2220
(410) 568-0150
800-683-5555
(410) 363-2393 fax
(410) 363-7139, 800-683-5551 TTY
http://www.blindness.org/

Principal publication: *Fighting Blindness News*, 6/year (3 full issues and 3 *Update* supplements)

Funds research to find treatments and cures for retinal degenerative diseases, including retinitis pigmentosa, Usher syndrome, and juvenile

and age-related macular degeneration. Provides free information and referral services.

The Glaucoma Foundation
116 John Street, Suite 1605
New York, NY 10038
(212) 285-0080
800-452-8266 (800-GLAUCOMA)
(212) 651-1888 fax
info@glaucoma-foundation.org
http://www.glaucoma-foundation.org/

Principal publication: *Eye to Eye*, quarterly

Provides funding for medical research programs on glaucoma. Has public education programs, including a worldwide toll-free hotline and workplace and community outreach screening programs. Offers free educational publications.

Glaucoma Research Foundation
200 Pine Street, Suite 200
San Francisco, CA 94104
(415) 986-3162
(415) 986-3763 fax
info@glaucoma.org
http://www.glaucoma.org/

Principal publication: *Gleams*, quarterly

Dedicated to protecting the sight and independence of people with glaucoma through research and education. Has free publications on glaucoma.

Macular Degeneration Foundation
P.O. Box 9752
San Jose, CA 95157
(408) 260-1335
888-633-3937
eyesight@eyesight.org
http://www.eyesight.org/

Principle publication: *The Magnifier*, electronic version only

Seeks to develop cures for macular degeneration and educate patients, professionals, and the public about methods of prevention and treatment.

Macular Degeneration International
6700 North Oracle Road, Suite 505
Tucson, AZ 85704
(520) 795-2525
800-393-7634
(520) 797-8018 fax
info@maculardegeneration.org
http://www.maculardegeneration.org/

Principle publication: *Around the Edges*, 2/year

Serves the needs of individuals with early onset (juvenile) or late onset (age-related) macular degeneration through educational and support programs.

Macular Degeneration Partnership
8733 Beverly Boulevard, Suite 201
Los Angeles, CA 90048
(310) 423-6455
888-430-9898 recorded information

(310) 423-0163 fax
contactus@discoveryfund.org
http://www.MacD.net/

Principle publication: *MDP Newsletter*, electronic version only

Provides information on age-related macular degeneration to the public; supports research; and coordinates advocacy efforts.

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse
One Information Way
Bethesda, MD 20892-3560
(301) 654-3327
800-860-8747
(301) 907-8906 fax
ndic@info.niddk.nih.gov
http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health/diabetes/ndic.htm

Principal publication: *Diabetes Dateline*, 2/year

Responds to inquiries about diabetes from people with diabetes and their families, health care professionals, and the public. Distributes professional and patient education publications, including fact sheets, booklets, *The Diabetes Dictionary*, and Spanish materials.

National Eye Institute
National Institutes of Health
2020 Vision Place
Bethesda, MD 20892-3655
(301) 496-5248
2020@nei.nih.gov
http://www.nei.nih.gov/

Conducts and supports research on eye diseases and vision disorders.

Offers professional and public education programs that include a school curriculum on vision for grades 4-8 and a traveling exhibit. Has free publications.

National Keratoconus Foundation
8733 Beverly Boulevard, Suite 201
Los Angeles, CA 90048
800-521-2524
nkcf@csmc.edu
http://www.nkcf.org/

Principal publication: *NKCF Newsletter*, 3/year

Has a variety of programs to increase the awareness and understanding of keratoconus, including a patient information guide, a free e-mail-based mail list, the NKCF Registry, support groups, and an outreach and referral service.

National Marfan Foundation
382 Main Street
Port Washington, NY 11050
(516) 883-8712
800-8-MARFAN
(516) 883-8040 fax
staff@marfan.org
http://www.marfan.org/

Principal publication: *Connective Issues*, quarterly

Provides information about Marfan syndrome to patients, family members, and health care community; acts as a support network; and fosters research.

National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation
P.O. Box 959
East Hampstead, NH 03826-0959
(603) 887-2310 phone and fax
800-473-2310
info@albinism.org
http://www.albinism.org/

Principal publication: *NOAH News*, 2/year

Offers information and support to individuals with albinism and hypopigmentation and their families through local chapters and a national conference. Educates the public and professionals about albinism and hypopigmentation and encourages research on the cause and treatment of these metabolic disorders.

Research to Prevent Blindness
645 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022-1010
(212) 752-4333
800-621-0026
(212) 688-6231 fax
info@rpbusa.org
http://www.rpbusa.org/hc2/index.asp

Principal publication: *Eye Research News Briefs*, annual

Provides financial resources for eye research at medical institutions in the United States to develop cures and effective treatments for diseases of the visual system that damage and destroy sight. Provides free informational material on eye diseases.

United States Eye Injury Registry
Attn: LoRetta Mann
1201 11th Avenue South, Suite 300
Birmingham, AL 35205
(205) 933-0064
(205) 933-1341 fax
lorettamann@mindspring.com
www.helenkeller.ws/useir.htm

Collects data on all serious eye injuries occurring in the United States by involving approximately 37 states that have eye injury registries sponsored by state societies of ophthalmology.

International Organizations

Christian Blind Mission International, Inc.
450 East Park Avenue
Greenville, SC 29601
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Serves as a coordinating, umbrella organization whose members include the International Federation of Ophthalmological Societies, the World Blind Union, and international nongovernmental organizations that support global programs for community eye care. Mobilizes resources for blindness prevention activities such as disseminating ideas and information on successful approaches to eye-care delivery.

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Principal publication: *Eye to Eye*, annual

Aids developing countries in achieving self-sufficiency in eye health care through clinical, surgical, and preventive services; equipment, supplies, and medications; training and public education; technical assistance; and operational research.

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Principal publication: *Newsletter*, 2/year

Promotes national and international cooperation in delivering library services to readers who are blind and visually impaired and encourages research and development in all aspects of this area. Acts as a forum for discussing topics such as standardization, braille production, and the impact of new technology on library services to persons with visual impairments.

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Principal publication: *Horizons*, quarterly

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Principal publication: *World Blind*, quarterly

An international nongovernmental coalition of representatives from various associations for people who are blind and visually impaired and from agencies providing services to them. Members have regional groups for Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, North America and the Caribbean, and the Pacific. Works for the prevention of blindness, promotes the well-being of people with visual impairment, and serves as an international forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of blindness.

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